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"No Politics," Says New City Manager; Now Getting Acquainted With His Job

ELLINGSON HAS SPLENDID EDUCATION AND BACKGROUND FOR POSITION

"I am not a politician and absolutely will not work for any city where the method of operation is political."

With these words O. J. S. Ellingson, new City Manager of Key West, buckled down to the task today of familiarizing himself with the problems of his office.

Ellingson said that he resigned as manager of one city when attempts were made by politicians to influence him by bringing pressure.

Won't Tolerate Pressure

"That is the one thing that I will not tolerate," he said.

Ellingson revealed today that he is 62 years old, although he appears to be much younger. Meeting him for the first time one might guess him to be in his late forties or early fifties. He graduated from the University of Texas in 1906 with an engineering degree, and is an associate member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

The new City Manager has two sons, both captains in the army. He and Mrs. Ellingson, who accompanied him to Key West, are staying at a hotel until they can find a suitable house or apartment.

Contemplates No Changes

He said that he contemplated no change in the executive heads under his direction, but emphasized that he expected every man under him to do his work efficiently.

"I do not believe in discharging a man just because he might make a slight mistake," Ellingson said, "for such a policy would rob the city of many capable men who have had years of experience. However, I never have and I never will put up with any employe who makes continued infractions of rules and regulations."

Worked As Engineer

After graduating from the University of Texas, Ellingson said he worked as a civil engineer in the west and mid-west until he became city manager of Sherman, Texas, in 1916, a position he held for 16 years. Before coming to Key West he had served as city manager of Brownsville, Texas, for a year and a half. Brownsville is a city of about 25,000 population, Mr. Ellingson said.

The job of city manager in Key West pays a salary of $6,000 a year.

Will Hear Tax Suit Vs. City Next Tuesday

Next Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, the suit brought by William R. Porter, president of the Key West Realty Company, asking for an injunction against the city to prevent it from selling the company's property for delinquent taxes, will come up before Judge Ross Williams in circuit court in Miami.

The land involved in the suit extends from the former railroad right of way to the northwesterly side of the Roosevelt boulevard and all of that land owned by the company between the County road to the shore along the southeasterly side of the island.

The taxes, according to the bill of complaint filed by the company, are for the years 1942 to 1945 inclusive.

The bill declares the company's land is "remote" from the "bulk" of population in the city, and that the "nearest land" is two miles from the City Hall.

A similar suit was brought against the city by Mr. Porter five years ago, and the circuit court ruled in the city's favor. At that time $20,000 in back taxes was paid by the company.

Picketing To Get Fishermen To Join Union

Lowe's Fish Company and the A. & B. Fish Company, both of which are paying the full scale of prices for fish they buy, are being picketed today by men, carrying signs that read, "Unfair to Labor", because the companies buy fish from any local fishermen who offer them for sale.

A representative of the union, who was in the city yesterday, admitted that the local wholesale fish houses were paying full prices, but added that fish were being bought from men who are not members of the union.

Onlookers at both places this afternoon said that the aim of the union is to require all fishermen who sell to wholesalers to join the union.

Only two men were picketing the A. & B. Company. Each of them carried an umbrella, as well as the sign, "Unfair to Labor".

The representative, who comes from union headquarters in Miami, said that it was neither a price disagreement nor directed against the owners of the company, and that it was against the fishermen who are not members of the union.

So far as could be determined, the pickets did not decrease the patronage of either fish house.

Bus Hits Auto Entering Alley

An automobile driven by F. F. Robbins had its right rear door pushed in yesterday evening near the corner of William and Margaret streets when it was struck by city bus No. 12, driven by Tommy Johnson.

No one was injured in the accident. Officials at the Key West Transit Co. said today that Robbins was turning into an alley when the bus hit his car.

$21,000 Paid For 3 Homes In Key West

J. W. and Lorna Sellers have bought a house and two lots in Martello Towers from the Key West Transit Company, Inc., for $13,000 according to a deed filed yesterday afternoon in the county clerk's office. The house is situated on lots 11 and 12 in block 4.

The Taylor Construction Company has sold two houses in the Lime Grove subdivision, each for $4,000. Vesey A. and Evie K. Johnson bought one of them, and Arthur L. Judge Jr., and Theresa Judge, the other.

David Watson, Confessed Killer, Is Transferred To Jacksonville

David Joseph Watson, confessed salyer of Benjamin Hobbs aboard the destroyer Stribling here on the night of July 24, was transferred under heavy guard today from Key West to the Naval Air Station at Jacksonville, where he will undergo mental tests to determine his sanity, Navy authorities announced today.

Joseph E. Thornton, chief of the Miami FBI, said a few days ago that results of the psychiatric examinations will determine the procedure used in pressing charges against Watson.

Attorney To Decide

Navy authorities have said that when the Naval medical board submits its findings to the United States district attorney in Miami he will decide whether to file a murder charge for prosecution in the civic courts, or whether to leave Watson in custody of the Navy for trial by court martial. Civil prosecution is the usual procedure in such cases, it is said.

Those who know Watson say that mentally he is far above the average, and in the past has spent much of his time in the study of psychology. His personality, however, is reported to be warped, and it is said that he is abnormal sexually.

After his arrest for the slaying of his shipmate, Watson tried to commit suicide on three different occasions.

Transit Company Gets New Fleet Of City Busses

Key West Transit Co., Inc., has completed a two-year-old order for a new fleet of buses with the arrival here yesterday of two new Ford 29-R Pusher-Type conveyances from Union City, Indiana.

The new buses will be placed on city routes as quickly as they can be serviced, Harvey B. Sellers, assistant manager of the company, said today.

Colors To Be Changed

The buses are a bright yellow, with a black stripe, Sellers said. This color combination will be changed at a future date to conform to the white and black colors now prevelant.

Oddly enough, the color combination of the new Ford conveyances is the same as was previously used on local buses prior to their re-painting.

Was Bus Operator

Prior to his promotion, Sellers, the new assistant manager of the local transit company, was first a bus operator, then supervisor and now holds the executive position created by Jack Sellers' elevation from manager to co-owner and general manager.

Jack Sellers, well known in civic activities here, has purchased an undisclosed portion of the bus company's stock, in addition to a home at 1109 Ladd street in the Martello Towers subdivision. the Martello Towers subdivision, formerly owned by the Transit company.

Served In Navy

During the new part-owner's absence from the city for about

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M. F. Sawyers Leave For Salt Lake City

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Fillmore Sawyer and their baby, Marsha Francine, left Key West by automobile this morning to visit Mr. Sawyer's grandmother, Mrs. Mamie Sawyer Albury, in Salt Lake City, Utah. Mrs. Albury is Sheriff Sawyer's mother.

They were accompanied on the trip by Mrs. Sawyer's nephew, Mario Vidal. They expect to be away three weeks.

Russia Gets Note About Dardenelles

(By Associated Press)

ANKARA, Aug. 22.—The Turkish government today gave an answer to the Russian ambassador to Turkey about the Russian "suggestion" that the use of the Dardenelles be accorded to Russian ships in passing to and from the Black Sea and the eastern Mediterrenean.

Contents of the note were not disclosed, but it was intimated that the Turkish reply was negative.

Late Bulletins

(By Associated Press)

"GHOST" ROCKETS

LONDON.—Four British radar experts left today for Sweden to investigate the many reports about "ghost" rockets that have passed over that country. Aim of the experts is to determine from what place the rockets are being fired.

ATTACK BRITISH SHIP

JERUSALEM.—Another British ship was attacked with bombs in the harbor at Haifa today. She had aboard Jewish emigrants who had tried to enter Palestine but were diverted to the Island of Cyprus. The ship returned to a wharf to be examined before resuming the trip. It was thought two holes were torn in her sides below the water mark.

SEEKING LIBERTY

MIAMI. — Eighteen Estonians, who had been aboard a sloop for 11 weeks, attempting to enter this country, landed here today. They had no passports or other entry papers and probably will be deported. They said they wanted to come to the United States because it is a land of liberty.

STRIKE SETTLEMENT

DETROIT.—It was said today that the strike of the CIO Maritime Union against ships in the Great Lakes was near a settlement. Workmen returned to their jobs aboard five tankers that belong to the Standard Oil Company of Indiana.

TRUMAN IN BERMUDA

HAMILTON, Bermuda.—President Truman, aboard the presidential yacht Williamsburg, arrived here this morning.

Grand Jury Convenes In Murder Case

Members of the Monroe county grand jury reconvened this morning to consider testimony in the case against Ralph Wilson and Cora Lee Stanley, negroes, who have been held in jail without bail in connection with the killing of Policemen Jose Valdez.

This afternoon the jury was still in session investigating the case.

Legion Auxiliary Will Meet Tonight

Arthur Sawyer Unit No. 28, American Legion Auxiliary, will meet tonight in regular session at the Legion Home, Southard and White streets at 8:30.

Several important items of business will be discussed and plans will be made to hold an initiation at the next meeting. All members, both old and new, are cordially invited to be present.

Senator Stiles Bridges Advocates U. S. Use Military Force Against Yugoslavia Downing Our Airplane

SECRETARY OF STATE BYRNES, IN PARIS, ISSUES WARNING TO YUGOSLAVIAN MINISTER

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 22.—Senator Styles Bridges advocated today that the United States use military force against Yugoslavia if that country, or Marshal Tito, its premier, does not change its attitude regarding the shooting down of two American planes that passed over Yugoslavia.

(A dispatch from Paris said that Secretary of State James F. Byrnes today warned the Yugoslavian minister that the United States considered the attack against the planes as most unfriendly.

(The daily Worker, a communist paper published in New York, took sides today with Yugoslavia in the dispute. The paper said that this country was to blame for the attacks, as the flyers had violated the teritorial integrity of Yugoslavia. It added that the report was untrue that the planes flew over that country to avoid bad weather, and that the paper had been informed that the skies were clear on the days of both attacks).

(In Belgrade, the capital of Yugoslavia, Marshal Tito told workers in a steel mill that reactionary governments were opposing his country, which is "determined to stand up for its rights." He said the planes were attacked by Yugoslavia flyers because the American pilots had ignored the rights of Yugoslavia).

It was learned today that the Yugoslavia planes, from which the attacks had been made, were American Mustangs, which this country had delivered to Yugoslavia under terms of the Lend-Lease law.

Spokesmen here pointed out that, during the war, the Yugoslavians, now resentful toward the United States, welcomed the arrival of aircraft from this country, loaded with supplies for Yugoslavia. The aircraft were welcome since the war also, it was declared, as long as they were taking Lend-Lease goods to that country.

Funds Sought By Organization For Advertising Of Key West

In a letter to the City Commission the Central Civic Organization, composed of officers of various civic bodies in Key West, has asked that the city appropriate $2,500 to help put on an advertising campaign that will attract more tourists.

"Much of Key West's future depends on the kind of winter season we will have here this year," the letter states. "Developers are holding off in order to see what travel will be like in the area during the 1946-47 season. The city is permitted to levy millage for advertising. This is something that benefits all of the city and not a few individuals. It is something that will bring results if properly handled."

County Also Asked

The letter says that Monroe County is being asked for $2,500 for the advertising campaign, and that the Overseas Road and Toll Bridge Association will also be requested to pool some finances for the program.

The money would be expended through an advertising committee to be set up, one member of which would come from the city commission, the letter states.

Would Advertise City

Some of the things that the money would be spent for, according to the letter, would be the employment of a photographer to hadnle a fishing tournament, arrangements for a yacht race, a professional golf tournament, and a flower show. A part of the fund would also go for advertising in Florida newspapers and over the radio, so as to attract tourists after they are already in the state.

Fund Is Needed

"There is no denying that this would be money well spent," the letter says. "Every other city in Florida catering to tourists set up a millage, or an appropriation for advertising in its budget, and will no doubt do so again this year. We must have funds to advertise if we are to compete with other communities."

The letter is signed by J. C. Delaney, president of the Central Civic Organization.

Rotarians Hear Dopp Give Talk

Robert Dopp, former Acting City Manager of Key West, gave an interesting speech at the weekly Thursday luncheon of the Rotary Club on a plan that has been sponsored by the Rotary since 1922. He reiterated what the Rotary has done for deserving youths, by lending them sufficient money to gain a college education. Dopp emphasized the full details of the Rotary plan, and the benefits that have been derived from this youth welfare project. Mr. Dopp was introduced by Bascom Grooms, former president of the old Key West Electric company.

Earl Julian was admitted into membership as a baby Rotarian.

Guests were: O. J. S. Ellingson, present City Manager; Joe Hunter of Miami; A. Starling of Homestead, and Tom Payne, Quincy, Fla.

Only One Filed As Candidate For Job On Commission

Up until noon today only one candidate had filed to fill the vacancy on the City Commission created by the resignation of W. S. Sweeting. He is Albert G. Roberts, whose announcement appeared in The Citizen on August 9.

It was rumored in the city yesterday that Louis Carbonell is considering filing a certificate of candidacy for the commission vacancy, which is to be filled at a special election set for September 20.

City Clerk Roy Hamlin said today that the deadline for filing as a candidate is August 31.

Large Taxpayers Still Delinquent On City Payment

Between 250 and 300 small taxpayers in Key West had paid their delinquent taxes up to Thursday, but only two large ones had made settlement, one of the individual payments totaling $16,000, Archie Roberts, city tax collector, announced today.

Total money collected on delinquent taxes to date, Roberts said, is between twenty and twenty-five thousand dollars. Delinquent property on which taxes are not paid by August 27, will be sold in front of City Hall at 10 a.m. on August 28, Roberts asserted.

Sends Out Statements

Roberts started mailing statements to delinquent taxpayers on the first of the month. The last statements were sent out yesterday, he said.

One large Key West property holder, the Key West Realty Co., yesterday sought a Circuit Court injunction to prevent the city from selling part of their lands and also enjoin the city from assessing taxes against the lands. The company has asked cancellation of taxes amounting to approximately $10,000.

Key West lands, including those of the Key West Realty company, that are on the delinquent list, as published in The Citizen, are due to be sold on August 28.

Jaycees Offer Aid To City Manager

At the regular weekly meeting of the Key West Junior Chamber of Commerce held at the County Clinic auditorium last night, the secretary was instructed to write the new city manager, O. J. S. Ellingson, offered the cooperation of the organization in any matters concerning the city's welfare. City Manager Ellingson will be invited in this letter to the next dinner meeting of the Jaycees.

President Jack Delaney, Jeff Knight, and Andy Rodriguez will leave Friday for the summer conference of the State Junior Chamber of Commerce which is being held in Ocala.

Board Is Taking Applications For City Police Jobs

Applications are now being received at City Hall from persons interested in taking competitive civil service examinations for appointments as members of the Key West city police force, Jack T. Murray, civil service personnel director, announced today.

Application forms may be had by calling at the civil service board office in City Hall at any time between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Murray said. He said that all applications for the examination must be turned in at the Board office in person before 5 p.m. on September 4.

The examination, Murray asserted, will be comprised of arithmetic, spelling and questions on general police work.

There are now three vacancies on the Key West police force. Two of the vacancies wil be filled in the near future, Murray said.

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